

PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP News

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Township Spring Cleanup Events

Branch Pickup

April 27 - May 1

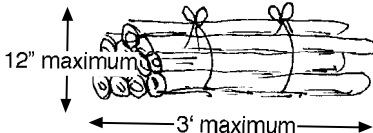
The crew will come by only **ONCE** during the week so be sure to have your branches out early. If the work is not finished by May 1, it will be continued the next week.

This program is for residents to get rid of fallen limbs or small trees, **IT IS NOT TO BE USED AS A COMMERCIAL TREE SERVICE OR FOR LOT CLEARING.**

Preparation of brush and limbs (they will not be collected unless they are properly prepared) —

- Brush and limbs must be from your Pennsbury Township property.
- Roots, stumps and limbs with wire and/or nails will NOT be picked up.
- All brush and limbs must be in the right of way.
- Dry, dead brush and tree limbs must be tied in bundles 3' long or less and no greater than 12" in diameter.
- Fresh-cut (green) limbs, 2" in diameter and larger, should be left full length, placed along roadside with large ends closest to the road, not in a random pile.
- Limit of 8 bundles of brush and/or tree limbs and a limit of 10 fresh cut branches per property.

Contact Roadmaster Dave Allen at 610-388-9180 if you have questions.



Dumpster

Thursday May 7 (5:30am - 3:30pm)

Saturday May 9 (9am to 5pm)

Sunday May 10 (12 noon to 4pm)

This year Pennsbury Township residents **ONLY** will have access to the dumpster and proof of residency may be asked. It will be open to the public during the hours listed above and will be manned by Township personnel.

The following charges will apply (pay by cash or check made out to Pennsbury Township):

\$4.00 for each car tire	\$8.00 for each car tire with a rim
\$10 for each truck tire	\$15 for each truck tire with a rim
\$15 per refrigerator or air conditioner - freon recovery fee	

No hazardous materials will be accepted.

Roadside Cleanup

May 9

This is a great opportunity for scout groups and neighbors to get together to enhance our community for everyone to appreciate. Volunteers pickup trash along township roads. Bags and road vests are available, reserve supplies by calling the township office. Bags of trash may be left by the side of the roads and will be picked up by the road crew.



Yard Sale

May 2, 9am-2pm (Rain Date May 9)

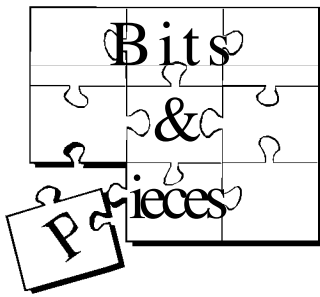
Start sorting your unwanted household items for this popular event to be held in the Township Park behind the Township Building. Look for a separate mailing with information in April. This has been very popular so come out and enjoy the fun of buying and selling "treasures".

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Monday - Thursday
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Scotty Scottoline, Chair
Wendell Fenton, Vice Chair
Karen Wood



❖ 2009 TAXES

Property tax bills for the Township were mailed March 1. There will be NO tax increase for 2009. Taxes remain at 1.5 mils property tax and .5% earned income tax. There is also a \$52 local services tax for all who work in our township. Pennsbury's budget for 2009 can be found on our website at www.pennsbury.pa.us.

Township tax questions should be directed to Berkheimer Assoc. at 866-309-6939 or 610-588-0965.

Chester County tax bills were mailed on February 1 and School District bills will be mailed on July 1.

❖ DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

• **Pennsbury Village** – the applicant has granted an extension until April 30 to act on the final plans.

• **Windmill Hollow** – the

applicant has been granted an extension to act on the preliminary plan until May 12.

• **Springdale Farm** (Mendenhall property) – received final conditional approval last December. They continue to work on outstanding issues. No plans have been signed and recorded yet.

❖ REMINDERS

• **Septic tanks** are to be pumped every three years and a report filed with the Township.

• **Driveway permits** are needed when you repave your driveway (but NOT resealing), for questions contact Roadmaster, Dave Allen at 610-388-9180.

Forms for both are available at the township office or online.

❖ BAMBOO WARNING

Some residents are using bamboo for screening or other landscape purposes. Bamboo grows quickly but is very difficult to get rid of once it takes root. It also tends to bend into

roadways when heavy with snow, ice or rain which can be a road hazard. Please think twice about using it.

❖ NEW E-LETTER

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District is replacing the printed newsletter taxpayers previously received by mail with an Electronic Newsletter.

The monthly eLetter is an effort to reduce costs and communicate more frequently, with more timely information. The eLetters can be found on the district web page at www.uchsd.org

You can also sign up for it on their web site.

❖ SOLAR SEMINAR

There will be a Resident Awareness Program on *Solar Energy Systems* on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 p.m. in the Township Building. Michael Chambers of gro-Solar will speak to residents about solar energy and how you can benefit from it. A postcard about the seminar will go out to all residents

in early April. Call the township building to register.

❖ S.A.G.E.

The Unionville-Chadds Ford School District is introducing a senior citizen tax relief program – Seniors applying Generational Experience (SAGE).

Any school district resident at least 60 years old can earn up to \$650 by volunteering services to the school district. If you are interested, contact Mary Garvey at 610-347-0970, ext.3316, or email to mgarvey@uchsd.org or visit the school district web site.

❖ E-MAIL ALERT

Some township residents are receiving emails that may seem like official communications of the Township. They are the views of an anonymous sender and recipients should treat them as such.

VERSATILE PENNSBURY PARK

The township park is 54 acres of undeveloped open space behind the Township Building available to residents for passive recreation.

Do you have any suggestions for improving the park? What would you like to see in our park? What community events would you like to see take place throughout the year? Would you serve on the Park Committee?

Contact the Park Committee c/o Kathy Howley, either by phone or email with your views.



PENNSBURY TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY 2009

Supervisors

(elected 6 yr term)

Meet: 3rd Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

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Vacant

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Matthew Houtmann
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David Allen, Roadmaster
610-388-9180

James Decker

Jeffrey Miller

Patrick Yerkes

Constable

(elected 6 yr term)

Harry McKinney (14)

Planning Commission

Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:00 p.m.

Robert Crandell, Chair (11)

Zoning Hearing Board

Joseph Carbonell (09)

James Porter (11)

John Herdeg (10)

Jim Sears, Alternate (09)

Township Auditors

(elected 6 yr term)

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Adelaide Jones, Sec. (13)

Ed Southerling (10)

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Jim Fisher

Frank Schweitzer

Barry Levin

Ginger Mitch

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Charles Ditzel, Coordinator

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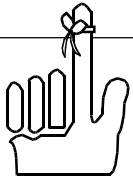
Light at the End of the Tunnel

The Township's historic resources survey will be completed this summer. Our consultants, Wise Preservation Planning, will present its findings to Township residents at a public meeting that we hope many of you will attend. We think you will be impressed by Pennsbury's rich architectural heritage.

The 1980 survey listed 85 historic resources, our 2009 survey will have 175 resources photographed and described and even more mapped. With so many histories to provide the consultant and some resources not sufficiently researched at this time, the Historical Commission has decided to continue its research and include the histories in the official survey document as they are completed. If you have any information on your historic home that you have not shared with us to date, please let us know.

The Planning Commission is seeing light at the end of the tunnel, too, as it completes its work on revising the Township's zoning code. This is of special interest to the Historical Commission because one of the last elements of the code is revision of Pennsbury's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The Planning Commission is currently reviewing the proposed amendment in the context of the entire zoning ordinance. After the Planning Commission has completed its review, the updated zoning code will be presented to residents at a public meeting and then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

Watch for notices of both of these public meetings in the next few months. You'll understand what the Historical Commission and Planning Commission have been laboring over!



Pennsbury Township Calendar

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Supervisors meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Harris Room of the Township Building.

The Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Township Building.

SCHOOL BOARD

Unionville-Chadds Ford School Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month. See locations in calendar. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Building tours will be provided at 6:30 pm and student demonstrations from 7 to 7:30

MARCH

19 Thursday, 7:30 pm — Pennsbury Land Trust Annual Meeting. Township Building. Speaker - Jake Michael, Chester County Planning Commission.

20 Friday, 7:00 -10 pm and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm — Chadds Ford Elementary School Art Show. Route 1, Chadds Ford.

25 Wednesday, 7:30 pm — Town Watch Annual Meeting. Chaddsford Winery. Speaker -Trooper Monthie from the Avondale Barracks.

APRIL

14 Tuesday, 7:30 pm — Winter Lecture Series, Chadds Ford Historical Society at Westtown School. Speaker - Victoria Wyeth, "A Tribute to my Grandfa-

ther - his life and works". Reservations and directions, 610-388-7376.

18 Saturday, 10 -12 am — Your Backyard Habitat. Exploration of Pennsbury's Park, sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust. Leader - Karen Travers, biologist. Register at 610-388-7401 or email kmtravers@yahoo.com

20 Monday—Last day to register for primary election.

20 Monday, 7:30 pm — School Board Meeting. Chadds Ford Elementary School cafeteria.

22 Wednesday, 7 pm — Solar Energy Systems. Township building, *see page 2*

MAY

9 Saturday, 2 - 4:40 pm — Bucktoe Creek Preserve.

Tour sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust. Leader - William Ryan, director. Register at 610-388-7401 or email kmtravers@yahoo.com

15 Friday, 5:30 - 8 pm — From Moo to You: Dairying Around Chadds Ford. Opening reception for new exhibit at the Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barn Visitor Center on Creek Road. Exhibit will be on view through Nov. Info at www.chaddsfordhistory.org

17 Sunday, 1 - 4:30 pm — Tour of Small Ecological Gardens. Sponsored by Pennsbury Land Trust. Register at 610-388-7401 or email kmtravers@yahoo.com

18 Monday, 7:30 pm — School Board Meeting. Hillendale Elementary School LGI Room.

19 Tuesday, 7 am-8 pm — PRIMARY ELECTION.

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